

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : : EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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Serial No. 10/764,589 : : Group Art Unit: 3761  
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For: PANTS-TYPE DISPOSABLE WEARING ARTICLE

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2007, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments **as to form** be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.